

Attachment

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Stock Footage school, kids	Numerous studies have shown that strong affective ties between children and their parents tend to reduce adolescent deviance, and educational researchers have shown that youth with positive feelings toward their school are less likely to be truant. Therefore it is important to create a school atmosphere that promotes attachment. Remember the 3 'A's'. Attachment is the next step in the equation to quell a truancy problem.
School stock footage	Meaningful student connection happens when the ideas, knowledge, opinions, and actions of students are encouraged in every facet of the school. Research and experience proves that meaningful student involvement strengthens a child's commitment to education, community, and provides a lasting motivation to attend school.
Stock	To enhance student attachment, schools should offer interesting and rewarding activities. For example encourage involvement in organized programs already offered by the school such as sports, the arts, fund raising, clubs and associations that address areas of interest for the student.
Stock, Kids & Families	Offer family activities. For example, mobilize parents or guardians as volunteers in the school assisting with instructional tasks, meal service, and administrative office functions. Family members might also act as invited classroom speakers and Volunteer tutors. This approach can be doubly effective by connecting both students and family members in social and educational school activities.
	There are numerous ways to creatively

Kids Stock Footage	<p>involve youth in school. Consider the wide variety of participants at this conference. What does your school or district do to attach youth to the school and community? Make a concerted effort today to share your ideas with other participants. Sometimes simple ideas turn out to be the source of best-laid plans.</p>
Hoops Dreams Video & Stills	<p>A good example of this is located right here in our nation's capital. Hoop Dreams began as a 1-day event in 1996 that was staged to raise money for academic college scholarships. Since then, the effort has grown into a year-round not-for-profit organization. Hoop Dreams provides inner-city public high school students with academic college scholarships and connects them to the regional business community and a network of greater opportunities through a program of college preparation mentoring, internships, SAT preparation, and ongoing support once students are in college. Please welcome the founder and President of Hoop Dreams, Susie Kay.</p>
Alternate	Please Welcome Dr. Robert Blum